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January 2012

January 20th

Beach Ball Bingo

(Sleep-over Optional)

Dinner Buffet • Cash Bar

Members \$30 • Guests \$35

Rooms Available \$69.95

**Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel
2800 West 8th Street • Erie**

5:30 Networking

6:15 Dinner

7:00 Vendors & Games

What better way to beat the winter blues than by joining WRT at our Beach Ball Bingo Night?! We've planned the ultimate Ladies Night Out for you and your friends, including some pampering, games and contests. And why not enjoy the entire experience and plan to stay overnight. It'll be your little escape! Members and guests are asked to consider donating products and/or services for prizes and giveaways. It can be big or small, actual product or gift certificates for services. If you can help out, please email Program Director Chris Froess at res7owfn@verizon.net or call her at 881-7790.

PLEASE NOTE: Payment for WRT and the Bel-Aire will be separate (see below for WRT portion). You need to make your own hotel reservations directly with the Bel-Aire Hotel. Call them at 833-1116 to arrange prepayment. *We're all really looking forward to this and hope you can join us!*

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENT REQUIRED by January 16, 2012.

Payment must be made in advance. Go to www.wrterie.org (News & Events tab) and choose your prepayment method (i.e., via PayPal or via check mailed to WRT, P.O. Box 3922, Erie, PA 16508). If you prefer to pay via check, payment must be received by the reservation deadline. If you have any questions, please call or email Hospitality Director Diane Wilson at 1-866-346-3122 or email her at wilsondiane@asburyliving.net (You must dial the "1" first).

Note: If you make a reservation, are unable to attend, and do not cancel within 48 hours of the event, you will be responsible for any costs incurred.

GROWTH

EXCELLENCE

MOTIVATION

STRENGTH

Visit us online at
www.wrterie.org

A Message From The President

Happy New Year! What a wonderful Holiday Party we had at the Erie Maennerchor Club this year ... very well attended and everyone was so generous with their gifts! Thank you so much for supporting my charity of choice this year ... the Women's Connection Ministry of the Erie City Mission! **RoseMarie Lackey** shared some poignant photos and updates with us.

For those of you who haven't been able to join us for a few months, please make every effort to attend the January Beach Ball Bingo event. I promise you won't be disappointed! Last year's Tiki Pajama Party was an absolute blast! It'll be your chance to "let your hair down" and have some real laughs. Quite a few gals took advantage of the optional sleep-over, as well, which added even further to the fun! And when you share a room, it's really quite reasonable for a good time away from home for a night!

Diane DeLuca-Thompson
President

Thank you

From all of us who serve and are served through the Erie City Mission's "Women's Connection Ministry" our deepest gratitude is extended to the Women's Roundtable organization for your generosity and thoughtfulness toward us at your 2011 Christmas party. The gift bags were beautiful and a wonderful Christmas surprise to many of our faithful women from the community. And your monetary gifts totaled \$840.00 toward sponsorships for our 1st Annual Women's Retreat this coming March 2 & 3. We are so excited to now be able to offer this opportunity to our community girlfriends without any financial barriers. Again, we are most grateful for your support and love in this manner and, of course, invite you to take part in our ministry any time you are able. Keep in touch with our WCM schedule via our website: www.eriecitymission.org. God's richest blessings to each of you for an awesome and prosperous New Year!

-**RoseMarie Lackey**, Director of Mission Ministries

Gerry B Wallerstein Fund Accepting Applications

Gerry B Wallerstein was one of our founding members who proposed the idea of having a pool of money available for women business owners who may not qualify for, or have access to, more traditional funding sources. This idea became a reality in 1997 when the fund was established. Regrettably, Gerry lost her battle with cancer in 1999. The Fund was then named in her honor to recognize her unshakable spirit, passion and commitment to helping women business owners and entrepreneurs.

To be considered for a grant, you must meet several criteria and complete a grant application by March 1. To learn more, go to www.wrterie.org and click on "Wallerstein Fund" and the link to the grant application. Complete the form and mail it to: The Women's Roundtable, Wallerstein Grant Application, P.O. Box 3922, Erie, PA 16508.

Happy Birthday, Ladies!

Eileen Zinchiak	1/06
Cindy Heintz	1/11
Irene Lampros	1/11
Shirley Anderson	1/14
April Blum	1/14
Christine Tombaugh	1/14
Janet Laskowski	1/19
Diane Wilson	1/23
Candace Littell	1/24
Laurie Ann Scutella	1/29

TidBits ...

Brenda Bennett was interviewed in the Erie Times-News December 25 article about new teen driving rules. Her expertise as the President of Transportation Systems was valuable to the article.

Maureen Dunn was a featured writer in the Guest Voice of the Erie Times-News November 14 issue. Her article encouraged us to work together to reverse poverty in Erie.

Marsha McKinnon explained the importance of empowering and encouraging girls between the ages of 11 and 18 at the Girls World Expo Erie on November 6. The November 1 Erie Times-News article highlights the importance of this event for the future women leaders.

Theresa Power-Natale was the featured writer in the Erie Times-News Guest Voice December 1. She shared her experience with the Pennsylvania Conference for Women.

Linda Stevenson and **Susan Wendel** were featured in the December 19 issue of the Erie Times-News. The article featured information for Athena PowerLink that Linda introduced to the Erie region.

Valerie Weaver, once again, gave us great fashion advice in the December 4 article Red Carpet Fashion Secrets.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathies to the family of WRT 1994 Woman of the Year **Linda Bebko-Jones** who passed away November 20 after a valiant battle with cancer.

The Women's Roundtable 2011-2012 BOARD MEMBERS

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Upcoming Women's Roundtable Events

FEBRUARY 16

LET ME BE PERFECTLY CLEAR:
STRATEGIES FOR
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
MARY ANN THORNTON
THE PLYMOUTH TAVERN/PRIVATE RM
5:30PM

MARCH 8

COUPON BOOT CAMP
SAVING YOU MILLIONS
ONE COUPON AT A TIME
APRIL BLUM
LOCATION TBD
TIME TBD

MARCH 22

TECHNOLOGY
TIPS & TRICKS
HAVE KEPT ME SANE
BETH BURNSIDE
LOCATION TBD
TIME TBD



A warm welcome during the cold month of January to our newest members. *Welcome to the Club ladies!*

Barbara Brown is a Minister at McLane Church, a Silpada Representative, and a Notary. She spends her volunteer time grocery shopping for senior citizens. In her free time she enjoys crocheting and reading. *Welcome back!*

Kathleen DeSante is a retired Project Coordinator for the Erie School District. She enjoys volunteering for the Wolves Club of Erie, Hamot Aid Society, and The Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. In her free time she enjoys playing golf and reading.

Be sure to invite a friend or colleague to join you at a WRT event. For membership information, feel free to call **Membership Director Maria Sundberg** at 897-3707 or visit our website at www.wrterie.org.

Survey Says!!

In our third installment in our monthly series of our Member Survey results, WRT members recognize the impact of technology in our social and business lives. Thank you for your invaluable participation ... we had 50 completed responses!

Member Survey Results – Part III

Are you active on Facebook or LinkedIn or other social networking sites?

Yes.....72%
No.....28%

Are you aware that WRT is on Facebook and LinkedIn?

Yes.....66%
No.....34%

The Women's Roundtable strives to maintain an up-to-date and informative website. Is there anything you would like to see added to the website that would help you in your personal or professional life?

A business directory searchable by service/product. The membership directory into an excel spreadsheet format I'd prefer to give roundtable members my business. Nothing at this point - good job!! Looks good to me. Can't think of anything now. Blog or articles updated on a weekly basis encourage, empower, and instruction women in leadership, business, family matters, fashion in business, etc. An ongoing relevant resource. Great info on website. Easy to make RSVP's. I really just think a new member orientation would be VERY helpful!! Preplanned events so to schedule them more effectively. Member Directory available to MEMBERS ONLY. Links to other sites relative to Women's Issues.

Pictures please

Haley Figurski, in preparation for the 25th Anniversary Woman of the Year, has asked anyone who has pictures to email them to her at haleyf@visitscott.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR:
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, ARCHIVED TOUCHLINES,
WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORMS,
WALLERSTEIN FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

WWW.WRTERIE.ORG

SAVE THE DATES



The 7 Deadliest Sins of Leadership and Workplace Communication

Webinar with Skip Weisman

Thursday, January 26

1:00 p.m

www.w2wlink.com

Managing Multiple Priorities, Projects & Deadlines

Fred Pryor Seminars

Thursday, February 9

Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel
2800 W. 8th St., Erie, PA
\$99 Event #120643

www.events.pryor.com/264234

Woman of the Year

Reception

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Banquet

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Ambassador Conference Center
7794 Peach St., Erie, PA

Women's History Month

Dinner Banquet

Monday, March 5, 2012

Erie Maennerchor Club
1607 State St., Erie, PA

Women in Leadership Development

Conference

Friday, May 11, 2012

Erie Bayfront Convention Center
Early bird tickets \$110
reserve before February 15, 2012
www.wild.sbdcgannon.org

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Quote of The Month

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Anne Frank

The Women's Roundtable Membership

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 Marilyn Walker
 Valerie Weaver
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 Eileen Zinchiak ◉☎

Legend:

- ◆ New Member!
- ☎ 2011 Woman of the Year
- 1987 Woman of the Year
- Former Woman of the Year
- ☎ 2011-12 Board Member
- ❖ 2011-12 President
- ◉ Past President
- ☎ Founding Member